

# Cibola

*National Wildlife Refuge*

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*Waterfowl Hunting Regulations*  
*2011-2012*



## **General Requirements**

The boundaries and the regulations for hunting on the Refuge can appear complex, especially for hunters not acquainted with the area. Make sure you know where you are hunting and what, if any, special regulations are in effect. **Please read this entire brochure prior to hunting!**

Most of the Refuge is located in Arizona; areas west of the Old River Channel are in California.

- Hunters must possess a license and any required stamps from the state in which they are hunting.
- Waterfowl hunters must possess both State and Federal Waterfowl stamps, (duck stamps). *Federal duck stamps may be purchased at the Refuge office during business hours.*

## **Wildlife**

- Cibola NWR offers hunting opportunities for a variety of species including quail, white-winged and mourning dove, cottontail rabbit, mule deer, geese, ducks, coots, and gallinules.
- No hunting or trapping is permitted for mountain lion, bobcat, coyote, fox, beaver, muskrat, or any other fur bearing animals.

## **Weapons**

- Approved non-toxic shot is mandatory for all gun hunting regardless of the species being hunted.
- Possession of lead shot and lead slugs is prohibited.
- Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of federal, state, and local law.
- Only shotguns and archery gear may be used for hunting rabbits and birds.
- All shotguns must be limited to 3 shell capacity.
- Hunting or shooting within 50 yards of any public road is prohibited.
- Target shooting or the discharge of a weapon except to hunt is not permitted.

## **General**

- Only upon specific consent from an authorized refuge employee may you retrieve game from an area closed to hunting or public entry.
- Disturbing, destroying, or removing any plants is prohibited.
- Anyone for hire assisting or guiding a hunter or fisherman must obtain, possess, and carry a valid Special Use Permit issued by the refuge manager.
- The use or possession (within physical proximity) of alcohol while hunting is strictly prohibited.

- Disturbing or interfering with any person engaged in an authorized activity on the Refuge is prohibited.
- Vehicles are not permitted off designated roads.
- Camping and fires are not permitted on the Refuge.
- Pets must be on a leash and under control at all times.
- Dogs used for hunting are permitted without a leash while hunting.
- Pit or permanent blinds are not permitted (except those provided by the Refuge in Unit II).
- All personal items must be removed from the Refuge at the end of each day's activity, i.e. boats, equipment, cameras, temporary blinds, etc.

All Federal and State regulations are in effect while hunting on the Refuge. For a complete list of regulations, refer to Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Federal Register, and applicable State regulations.

**Open Areas and  
Special Regulations**  
(see map)

*Waterfowl, Coots, Gallinules, Snipe*

- **Hart Mine Marsh**—Entry is permitted at 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. MST. Hunting is permitted 10 a.m.–3 p.m. MST waterfowl season only, all other public entry is restricted October–February.
- **Island Unit**—Hunting is permitted 1/2-hour before official sunrise to 3:00 p.m. MST.

- **Pretty Water**—entry is permitted 1/2-hour before official sunrise to 3:00 p.m. MST. Hunting is permitted 1/2-hour before official sunrise to 3:00 p.m. MST.
- **Unit II**—Special regulations apply to goose hunting on Unit II (consult Unit II hunting regulations for conditions and requirements).
- **Unit I (North)**—hunting is prohibited.
- **Unit I (South)**—hunting is prohibited.
- **Unit I (North)**—hunting is prohibited.

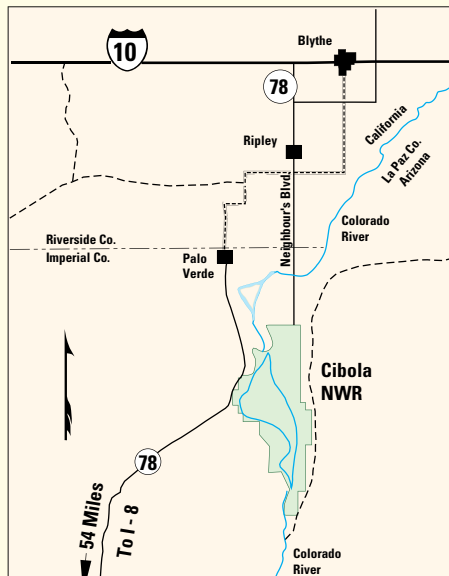
## **California Lands**

Refuge lands in California to the center line of the old river channel are open to deer, quail, dove, cottontail rabbit, waterfowl, coot, and gallinule hunting concurrent with state seasons. This includes all refuge lands west of the old river channel except Pretty Water. Only foot access is permitted California lands.

## **For Additional Information**

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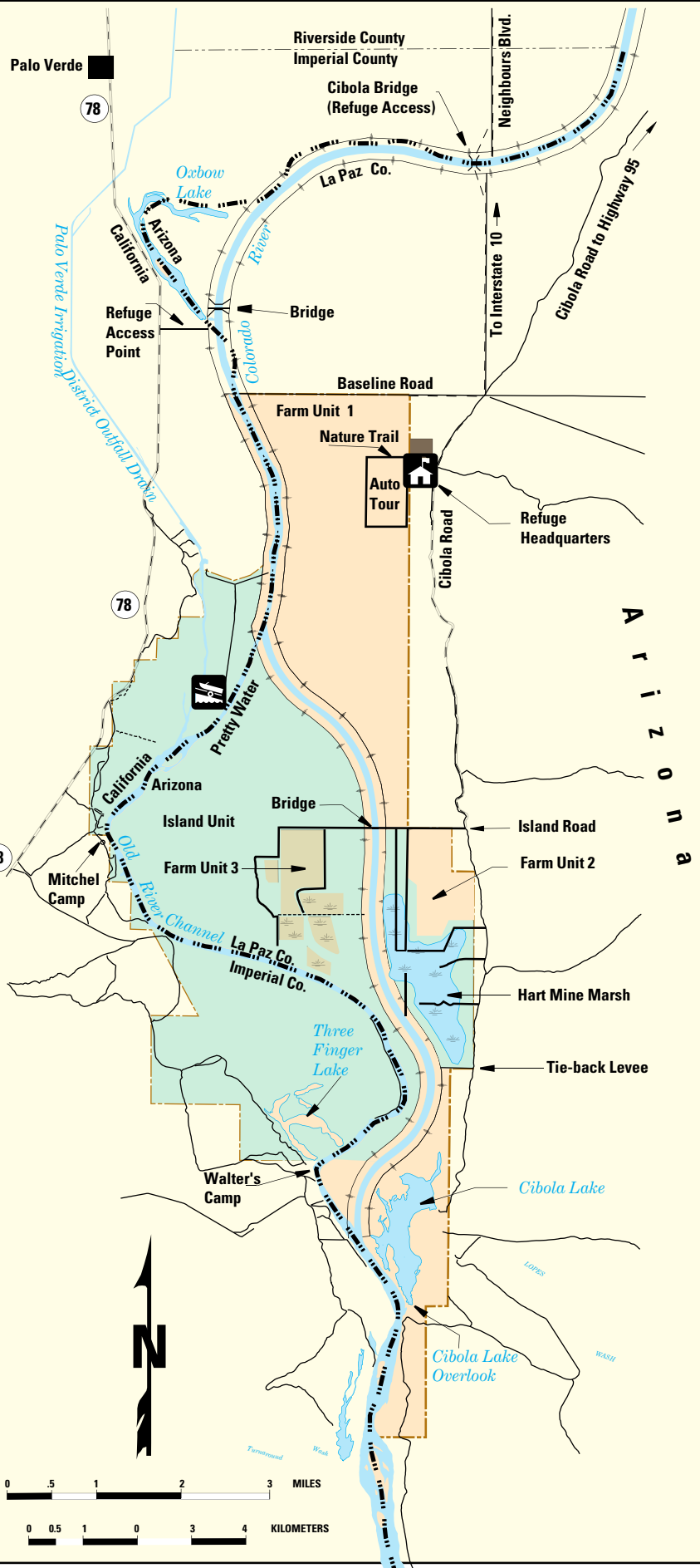
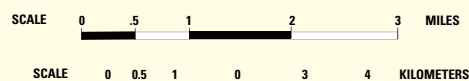


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**Legend**

- Marsh
- State Boundary
- Refuge Boundary
- Paved Road
- Unimproved Road
- Levee Roads
- General Hunting Area
- Closed to Hunting



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**National Wildlife Refuge System**  
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